

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2, 6 and 10, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 12, and add new Claims 13 and 14 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a discrimination unit for discriminating ~~types of objects~~ a type of object contained in input data; and
a processing unit for applying reduction processing, which suppresses amount of colorant ~~forming a thin line contained in an object~~, to a thin line ~~contained in a~~ graphics if the object using a result of discrimination by said discrimination unit, if a thin-line correction mode is turned on based upon a user instruction is that an object is a graphic;

~~wherein whether reduction processing is to be executed or not can be selected by a user.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein said processing unit ~~doesn't~~ does not execute application of the reduction processing to an object of a certain type.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said discrimination unit discriminates the type of object based upon an instruction contained in image data described in page description language.

5. (Currently Amended) An image forming method comprising:

a discrimination step of discriminating ~~types of objects~~ a type of object contained in input data; and

a processing step of applying reduction processing, which suppresses amount of colorant forming a thin line contained in an object, to a thin line contained in graphics if the object using a result of discrimination at said discrimination step, if a thin-line correction mode is turned on based upon a user instruction is that an object is a graphic;

~~wherein whether reduction processing is to be executed or not can be selected by a user.~~

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[6]] 5, wherein said processing step ~~doesn't~~ does not execute application of the reduction processing to an object of a certain type.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein said discrimination step discriminates the type of object based upon an instruction contained in image data described in page description language.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer program stored on a computer-readable medium product on which a program has been recorded, said computer program comprising:
code of a discrimination step of discriminating ~~types of objects~~ a type of object contained in input data; and

code of a processing step of applying reduction processing, which suppresses amount of colorant forming a thin line contained in an object, to a thin line contained in graphics if the object using a result of discrimination at said discrimination step, if a thin-line correction mode is turned on based upon a user instruction is that an object is a graphic;
~~wherein whether reduction processing is to be executed or not can be selected by a user.~~

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The computer program product stored on computer-readable medium according to claim [[10]] 9, wherein said processing step ~~doesn't does not~~ execute application of the reduction processing to an object of a certain type.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer program product stored on computer-readable medium according to claim 9, wherein said discrimination step discriminates the type of object based upon an instruction contained in image data described in page description language.

13. (New) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said reduction processing is applied to a thin line having a designated color.

14. (New) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the colorant is toner.